

Application No.: 09/677637

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REMARKS

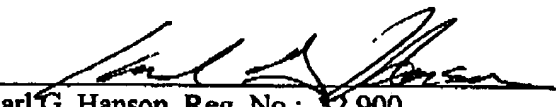
This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed June 15, 2004. Applicants have added claims 71-78 to this case. Therefore, claims 33-36, 38-62, and 64-78 are now pending.

The previously-pending claims have been provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting. Applicants have enclosed a Terminal Disclaimer to eliminate any issue with respect to double patenting. Accordingly, applicants believe that this application is now in condition to be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,

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